

2005 Guidelines

Congressional Arts Competition – An Artistic Discovery

The Competition is open to high school students only (grades 9-12). Three entries will be accepted from each school in the 29th Congressional District. The selection of entries will be at the discretion of each high school's principal and/or art department chair or art teachers.

In order to allow an artwork to hang in the United States Capitol, the following restrictions apply:

- Art must be two-dimensional only.
- Each entry must have a 3" mat.
- Each artwork can be no larger than 32 inches by 32 inches to the outside dimensions of the mat.
- No more than 4 inches in depth.
- Artwork must arrive in Washington framed to the appropriate framing guidelines (Congressman Schiff's office will frame the three winning entries).

Artwork categories are as follows:

- Paintings: (oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.)
- Drawings: (pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, markers, etc.)
- Collage: Must be two-dimensional
- Prints: (lithographs, silkscreen, block prints)
- Mixed Media
- Computer generated art
- Photography

Each entry must be an original in concept, design and execution and may not violate any U.S. copyright laws. A Student Release Form must be signed by the teacher and the student to certify the originality of the art piece and be attached to the back of the artwork with an adhesive label as shown:

Use AVERY Standard White Laser Labels 2"x4 1/4" to print out the label with the following information:

- California 29
- Congressman Adam B. Schiff
- Title of piece
- Student's name
- Student's school
- Student's home address and phone number

NOTE: Any entry which has been reproduced from an existing photo, painting or any other work produced by another person is a violation of the competition rules and WILL NOT be accepted!

The final decision regarding suitability for the exhibition in the Capitol will be made by a panel of qualified persons chaired by the Architect of the Capitol. Artwork must adhere to the policy of the House Office Building Commission. In accordance with this policy, exhibits depicting subjects of contemporary political controversy or of a sensationalistic or gruesome nature are not allowed.

ALL ARTWORK IS DUE IN THE PASADENA OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN ADAM SCHIFF BY 5:00 P.M. FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2005. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT TERESA LAMB SIMPSON AT (626) 304-2727